

NORTHEAST VALLEY COALITION AGAINST METHAMPHETAMINE

Planning Meeting Summary August 24, 2006

I. Welcome & Opening Remarks

Brent Stockwell welcomed participants and reviewed the deliverables for phase I of the grant including:

- Create a coalition with diverse representation.
- Conduct a needs assessment.
- Create a short term action plan that includes actions needed to engage the community, conduct the needs assessment, and sustain the coalition.
- Complete a long term strategic plan based on the needs assessment.

II. Coalition Announcements

Brent Stockwell reminded participants about upcoming events related to the meth coalition:

9/13. Substance Abuse Coalition Forum, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

9/21. Attorney General Breakfast/Resource Fair, 7:30-9:15 a.m.

9/28. Coalition Meeting, Ft. McDowell Recreation Center, 9 a.m.-noon.

III. Create Communication Action Plan

Participants created a communication plan for how information should be distributed in the coalition.

Group	What needs to be communicated?	How will the information be communicated?	By Whom?
Whole Coalition	Subcommittee results Plans/Intentions Meeting agendas Announcements Special events List of members & agency Workshops/Trainings How funds are spent. Relevant and urgent news and current events Logistics information	Email Website - post messages Local media Other local groups (of coalition member's agencies) Events/fairs Newsletter	Steering committee Maintain current press policy (i.e. Have central point of contact for the coalition as press liaison, liaison will connect media with local communities)

Coalition Leaders (subcommittee chairs & steering committee members)	Summary of subcommittee results to the whole coalition Subcommittee action plan (goals, objectives) Subcommittee agendas Budget Logistics info Grant possibilities Event planning Relevant National /State meth related trends	Email In person Steering Committee Tribal Intranet	Subcommittee Chair or designee
Community	How important the issue is, What is being done to address the issue, Events Outcomes Mail Alert Resource inventory	Website - A way for kids and parents to post questions, Media, Going to where they are Through organized events	Members

IV. Brainstorm Meth Use Consequences for Needs Assessment

Karen Kurtz explained the needs assessment logic model that coalition representatives learned at the August 18th training. The group worked through an example of the logic model based on the consequence of an increase in burglaries.

Consequence: Increase in burglary
80% of burglaries are done by repeat offenders
60% of burglaries are related to meth
8-10 repeat offenders are meth involved

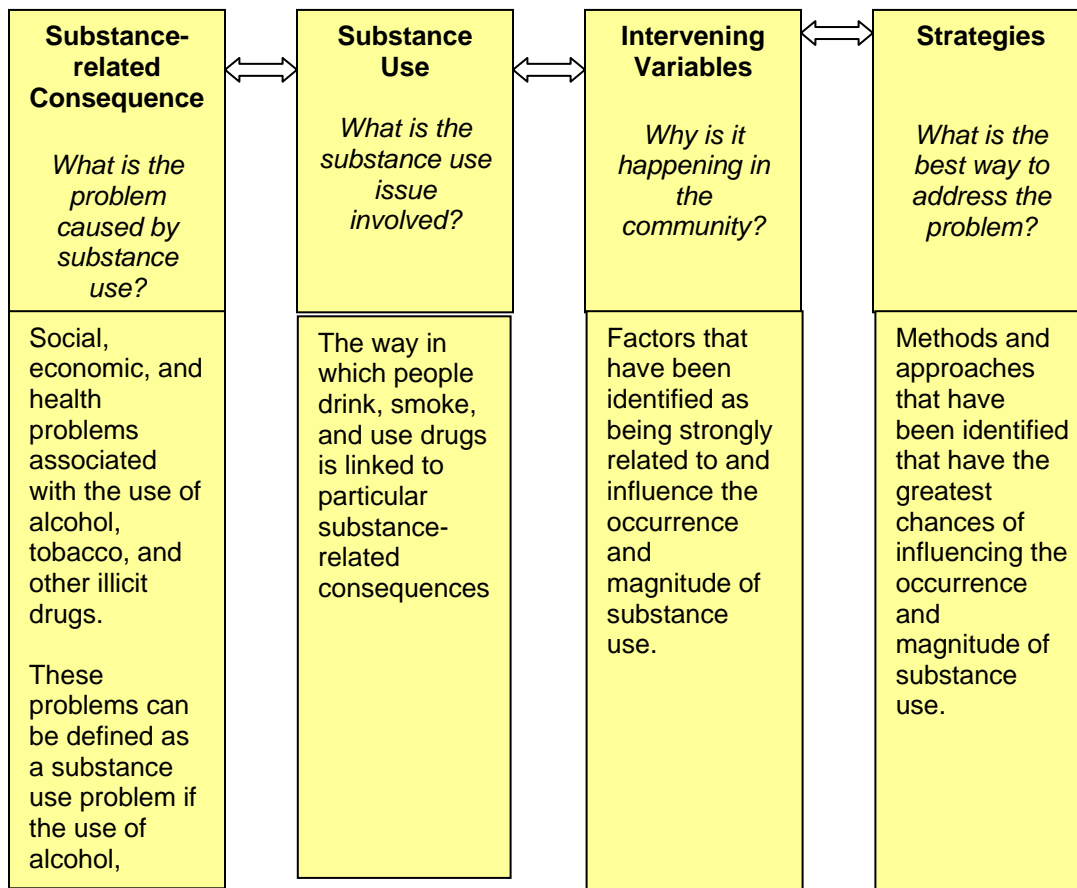
Substance Use:
Who: Adult males, 19-35 years old
When: Early morning 5 AM-6 AM, late evening
How Used: Smokers

Intervening Variables:

- Need for immediate money
- Garage doors open, more availability
- People not active in neighborhood at this time of day
- Easier to be more covert
- Repeat offender had no treatment in prison
- Burglary is the burglar's job in the meth network
- Law enforcement has been ineffective in dealing with property crime

Strategies:

- Educate employers and do drug testing at minimum wage jobs
- Home safety programs
- Profile of a victim – neighbors talking to neighbors
- Block watch
- Work with law enforcement and housing department for tribal owned homes
- Apartment complex – train managers and residents



The group created a list of potential consequences that were experienced in the Northeast Valley Coalition member communities and selected the top five consequences to refer to the needs assessment subcommittee. Votes are recorded in parentheses.

- Increase in welfare families (1)
- Increase in child abuse (6)
- Increase in school dropouts (3)
- Increase in meth user deaths
- Increase in spread of HIV/Hepatitis C (1)
- Increase in kinship care families (3)
- Decrease in people wanting to stay in Arizona
- Houses used for meth labs are toxic and contaminate the environment (3)
- Increase in prostitution (1)
- Increase in divorce (1)
- Increase in domestic violence (5)
- Increase in armed robberies at pharmacies (1)
- Increase in homelessness (3)
- Increase in sexual abuse (1)
- Increase in auto theft (1)
- Increase in child neglect (5)
- Increase in elder abuse
- Loss of employees (not enough people to hire) (1)
- Increase in neurological illnesses (bipolar, paranoia, mental illness)
- Increase in burglaries (5)
- Increase in fraud, forgery, counterfeit, identity theft (10)
- Increase in disorderly conduct
- Increase in need for dental care
- Increase in emergency room wait times (3)
- Increase in special services (programs) related to meth use
- Increased number of children with behavior problems (3)
- Need for more police officers (harder to hire them) (3)
- Increase in animal abuse
- Brain drain on society
- Increased operating costs (re: need for security personnel – armed parents taking their child back)
- Increased need for foster care (4)
- Increase in juvenile crime (1)
- Increase in social costs (2)
- Increase in justice system overcrowding (jail, court) (2)
- Increase lost work time, productivity
- Increased road rage/car accidents
- Increased stress for police and emergency room workers

The following consequences were chosen as the most serious and referred to the needs assessment subcommittee to research and gather data:

- Increase in fraud, forgery, counterfeit, identity theft (10)
- Increase in child abuse (6)
- Increase in child neglect (5)
- Increase in domestic violence (5)
- Increase in burglaries (5)
- Increased need for foster care (4)

V. Subcommittee Action Plans

This item was postponed until the September 28th meeting. Session Goal: To review action plans and more specifically define action steps. Set subcommittee meetings.

Upcoming Meeting:

Thursday, Sept. 28, 9-noon.
Fort McDowell Recreation Center
16402 N. Fort McDowell Road
Fort McDowell, AZ 85264

Directions: Take the Beeline Highway 87 north toward Payson to Fort McDowell Road. Turn left onto Fort McDowell Rd and continue for approximately 6 miles. The Recreation Center is located on the left hand side of the road.